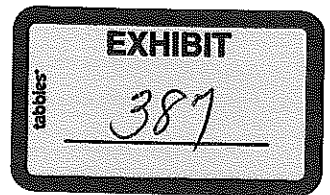


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BUREAU OF WATER PROTECTION AND LAND REUSE  
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Dear Mr. Stacey,

The Roxbury Board of Selectmen stands with the Town's Conservation Commission in support of the creation of flow standards for all Connecticut rivers and streams, as embodied in the proposed regulation introduced by the DEP at a public hearing. The purpose of the regulation is to provide a fair balance between the needs of rivers and the needs of water suppliers. Here in Roxbury, our residents joined with the town of Washington in investing extraordinary time and effort into achieving healthy flows in the Shepaug River. The resulting settlement works to the benefit of the Waterbury Water Bureau, the Shepaug River, and all the people from around the state who enjoy the river. We celebrated this good outcome on September 12, 2009 with officials from Waterbury, Gov. M. Jodi Rell, and local officials and advocates.

The proposed regulation aims to give all rivers the same opportunity for protection the Shepaug was given. Let me extend our appreciation for the hard work the DEP has put into this process. Please also consider that the regulations as written seem to abandon Class IV rivers. These rivers should be given protection and possibly even a goal of upward movement within the classes. We look forward to the process moving forward as the regulation will provide consistent state-wide management of stream flows, something presently non-existent.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Henry  
First Selectman  
On behalf of the Board of Selectmen

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